

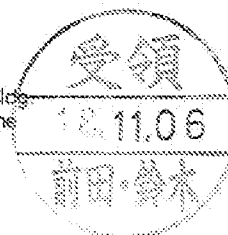
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Applicant ZEON CORPORATION et al	

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(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant ZEON CORPORATION		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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International application No.

PCT/JP2005/006066

Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language:

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2. With regard to *any* nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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4. Additional comments:

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International application No.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-13		YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-13		YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-13		YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
	Document 1: JP 2003-144958 A (TSRC Corp.), 20 May 2003		
	Claims 1-10		
	The inventions in claims 1-10 appear to possess an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR.		
	Document 1 does not describe a manufacturing method for producing a rubbery polymer where polymer latex and a coagulating liquid containing a coagulant are supplied to a pump with crushing function of capacity over 10m, where the rubbery polymer component is coagulated by means of contact between the polymer latex and coagulant resulting in a crumb slurry containing crumb-like rubbery polymer. On the other hand, the invention of the present application exhibits positive benefit, namely the prevention of rubbery polymer components from clogging within the pump and tubing and the improvement of the dispersion of crumb-like rubbery polymer within the slurry.		
	Claim 11		
	The invention in claim 11 appears to possess an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR.		
	Document 1 does not describe a rubbery polymer manufacturing apparatus having a pump with crushing function of capacity over 10m which allows within the contact mixing of polymer latex and coagulating liquid containing coagulant. On the other hand, the invention of the present application exhibits positive benefit, namely the prevention of rubbery polymer clogging while creating slurry where the dispersion of crumb-like rubbery polymer is good.		
	Claim 12		
	The invention in claim 12 appears to possess an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR.		
	Document 1 does not describe a manufacturing method for producing rubbery polymer where as the first step polymer latex and a coagulating liquid containing coagulant are supplied to a pump with crushing function and the rubbery polymer component is coagulated through contact between polymer latex and coagulant resulting in a crumb slurry with crumb-like rubbery polymer, and where as the second step the crumb slurry is released into the environment by transmission through a pipe where the ratio of the length of the tube		

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L and inner diameter of the output orifice D (L/D) is less than or equal to 20. On the other hand, the invention of the present application exhibits positive benefit, namely preventing the rubbery polymer component clogging within the pump and pipe, as well as improving the dispersive quality of the crumb-like rubbery polymer within the slurry.

Claim 13

The invention in claim 13 appears to possess an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 does not describe a rubbery polymer manufacturing apparatus where polymer latex and a coagulating liquid containing a coagulant can be contact-mixed within a pump with crushing function, where a pipe releases the crumb slurry containing crumb-like rubbery polymer exhausted from the output orifice of the pump with crushing function, and where the ratio between the pipe length L and the inner diameter of the output orifice D (L/D) is less than or equal to 20. On the other hand, the invention of the present application exhibits positive benefit, preventing clogging of rubbery polymer components while producing a slurry where the dispersive quality of the crumb-like rubbery polymer is good.